

**WARRANT
FOR THE
ANNUAL TOWN MEETING**

**TOWN OF FREETOWN
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS**

MONDAY, MAY 3, 2004 -7:30 P.M.

**AUDITORIUM
FREETOWN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
43 BULLOCK ROAD
EAST FREETOWN, MASSACHUSETTS**

BRISTOL, SS:

To either of the Constables of the Town of Freetown, GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Freetown who are qualified to vote in the Elections and Town Affairs to meet in the Freetown Elementary School, Auditorium, 43 Bullock Road, East Freetown, Massachusetts, on Monday, the Third day of May, 2004, at 7:30 P.M., then and there to act on the following Articles, viz:

ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

ARTICLE 1: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer such sums of money as may be necessary to defray the Town charges for the Fiscal Year 2005, viz: General Government, Town Reports, Planning Board, Finance Committee, Board of Appeals, for Protection of Persons and Property, for Health and Sanitation, for Highways, for Schools, for Libraries, for Veterans' Benefits, for Cemeteries, Town Parks, Interest and Principal on School Loans, Conservation Commission, Historical Commission, and Unclassified: Tax Titles, Reserve Fund, Bristol County Retirement, Incidentals, Soil Conservation, Council on Aging, Graves' Registration Officer, Cultural Council, and Insurance, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Finance Committee.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 2: To see if the Town will vote to fix the salary and compensation of all elected officers of the Town as provided by Chapter 41, Section 108 of the General Laws, as amended, for the Fiscal Year 2005, and/or take any action relative thereto.

(DEPARTMENTAL FIGURES INDICATE ANNUAL OR HOURLY PAYRATES.)

	FISCAL 2004	REQ. AMT. FY2005	FIN. COMM. REC. AMT. FY 2005
Moderator	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00	\$ 325.00
Board of Selectmen (ea. member)	5,499.96	5,499.96	5,499.96
Town Clerk	34,000.00	35,025.00	35,025.00
Collector of Taxes	16,827.00	17,332.00	17,332.00
Treasurer	37,502.00	38,627.00	38,627.00
Board. of Assessors (ea. member)	3,750.00	3,750.00	3,750.00
Tree Warden	15.87	15.87	15.87
Highway Surveyor	49,000.00	50,000.00	50,000.00
Elem. School Comm. (ea. member)	562.57	585.07	562.57
Reg. School Comm. (ea. Frt. member)	1,086.34	1,129.79	1,086.34
Water Commission (ea. cert. operator)	15.87	17.87	17.87

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.

Requires Majority Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 3: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Hundred Fifty-Nine Thousand Thirty-Seven (\$759,037.00) Dollars to be placed in the Special Needs Tuition fund to cover the costs of special education tuition for Freetown for Fiscal Year 2005, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Freetown School Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 4: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of One Million Eleven Thousand Sixty-Five (\$1,011,065.00) Dollars to be placed in the Vocational Education Tuition fund to cover the costs of vocational education tuition, and the sum of Ninety-One Thousand Two Hundred Twenty-Eight (\$91,228.00) Dollars to cover the costs for vocational education transportation for Freetown for Fiscal Year 2005, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Freetown School Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 5: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Four Million Six Hundred Eighty-Three Thousand One Hundred (\$4,683,100.00) Dollars as the Town's share of the 2004-2005 maintenance and operating budget for the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School District, to be used in conjunction with an appropriation for the same purpose by the Town of Lakeville, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Freetown-Lakeville
Regional School Committee.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 6: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Twenty-Three Thousand Nine Hundred Fifty (\$23,950.00) Dollars for a single municipal audit including any GASB 34 compliance expenses for Fiscal Year 2004, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
and Town Accountant.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 7: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Fifteen Thousand (\$15,000.00) Dollars for the preparation of all data necessary to document valuations for presentation to the Department of Revenue for the purpose of obtaining certification of values for Fiscal Year 2007, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 8: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Nine Thousand Nine Hundred (\$9,900.00) Dollars to prepare data and perform analyses necessary to obtain Fiscal Year 2005 interim year approval from the Department of Revenue, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Assessors.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 9: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of One Hundred Fifty-Seven Thousand Two Hundred (\$157,200.00) Dollars for rubbish collection, and/or transportation, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 10: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty-Three Thousand Five Hundred (\$33,500.00) Dollars for the Road Machinery Account for the purchase and maintenance of highway equipment, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Highway Surveyor.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 11: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the following sums of money to pay unpaid invoices from a previous fiscal year, and/or take any action relative thereto:

A. The sum of Nine Hundred Seventeen (\$917.00.) Dollars to pay medical costs associated with the injury of a former Dog Officer;

Submitted by the Treasurer.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires 4/5 Vote.

B. The sum of One Thousand Two Hundred (\$1,200.00) Dollars to pay medical costs associated with the injury of a police officer.

Submitted by the Police Chief.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires 4/5 Vote.

ARTICLE 12: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Four Hundred Fifty-Five (\$455.00) Dollars for Insect Pest Control in conformity with the requirements of Chapter 132, Section 14 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 13: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Seven Hundred (\$700.00) Dollars for Dutch Elm Disease Control work, in conformity with the requirements of Chapter 132, Section 14 of the Mass. General Laws, as amended, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 14: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of One Hundred Eighty-Two Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty-Six (\$182,936.00) Dollars more or less received or to be received in accordance with the provisions of General Laws Chapter 90, as amended, for the reconstruction, construction, and/or improvement of accepted Town roads, and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to enter into any and all contracts necessary or incidental thereto, said funds to be used together with and in addition to funds that may be allowed by the state or county, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Highway Surveyor.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 15: To see if the Town will vote to transfer from State Aid to Libraries' Fund a sum of money for Town Libraries for Fiscal Year 2005, and/or take any action relative thereto.

James White Memorial Library and
Guilford H. Hathaway Library, transfer State Aid Funds: \$ 8,800.00

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 16: To see if the Town will vote to transfer the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars from the Police Photo ID Fund to the Police Supplies Account, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Police Chief.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 17: To see if the Town will vote to continue pursuant to the provisions of M.G.L. Chapter 44, Section 53E ½, a revolving fund for the Recreation Committee, into which will be paid Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars from Fiscal Year 2004 receipts from the Long Pond Boat Ramp, from which costs not to exceed the sum of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars for costs of operation and maintenance of the Boat Ramp may be expended without further appropriation by the Recreation Committee and Board of Selectmen, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Recreation Committee.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 18: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer and/or Tax Collector to enter into written agreements to take effect in Fiscal Year 2005 for a period not to exceed three years with banking institutions having their principal offices in the Commonwealth, for banking services in accordance with Chapter 44, Section 53F of the General Laws, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Treasurer.

Requires Majority Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 19: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Four Thousand Eight Hundred Fifty-Eight (\$4,858.00) Dollars to supplement the Library budget and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by Petition.

Requires Majority Vote.

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 20: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Six Thousand (\$6,000.00) Dollars for the purchase of a waste oil furnace for the Highway Department Garage, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Highway Surveyor.

Requires Majority Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 21: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Sixteen Hundred (\$1,600.00) Dollars to purchase a Lock Box to be used by residents of the Town for the purpose of paying municipal bills and submitting correspondence when the Town Hall is closed, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Clerk.

Requires Majority Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 22: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Thirty-Two Thousand (\$32,000.00) Dollars for the purchase of a Special Needs Van to cover the transportation of special education students for Freetown for Fiscal Year 2005, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Freetown School Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 23: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds the sum of Two Thousand (\$2,000.00) Dollars for the purpose of supporting the Sexual Assault and Domestic Violence Program of the New Bedford Women's Center, Inc. Funding will be used to provide shelter, crisis intervention, counseling, medical and legal advocacy and educational programs to the community in relation to the issue of rape, sexual assault, and domestic violence. And/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 24: Elected officials, in order to be eligible for health care coverage, must be full time as defined in article 14, Personnel Classification and Compensation Plan of the General and Zoning By-laws of the Town of Freetown.

Submitted by Petition.
Recommended by Finance Committee with an Amendment.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 25: To see if the town will set its contribution for health insurance for those employees, department heads, officials, and all others eligible to receive health insurance at no more than seventy percent.

Submitted by Petition.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 26: Recreational Facilities.

To see if the Town will vote to amend Article VII, Use of Streets, Sidewalks and Public Places, by inserting the following:

Section 5 - Recreational Facilities:

5.01 Duties.

The Board of Park Commissioners (hereinafter referred to as "Board") shall have and exercise all the powers and duties conferred upon park commissioners in towns; the powers and duties of playground commissioners appointed under authority of M.G.L.A c.45, § 14; It shall be responsible for regulating the use of all Recreational Facilities located in the Town of Freetown and shall have the authority to promulgate rules and regulations with regard thereto. "Recreational Facilities" shall include parks, greens, playgrounds, ball fields, and beaches together with the improved and enclosed land, buildings, beach area, and parking lots owned or controlled by the Town. The Board is authorized to appoint such assistants as may be necessary to assist it in promoting recreational facilities and to perform such other duties that may be required.

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5.02 Admittance.

Maximum limits as to the number of users of a Recreational Facility may be established by the Board. Admittance to given areas may be suspended temporarily and/or evacuation may be directed when these limits are reached, or exceeded, or when at the discretion of the Board, it is determined that further public use of the facility is hazardous due to weather, construction, crowds, water quality, or other situations involving public health, safety or welfare.

5.03 Hours of Operation.

Unless otherwise provided by the Board, and posted to the contrary, Recreational Facilities shall be closed to the public between the hours of 9:00 PM to 6:00AM.

The Board may from time to time require users of recreational facilities to seek permits therefor, and may establish by regulation the fees, terms, and conditions for the issuance of such permits.

5.04 Violations/Enforcement.

1. Any person who by his or her actions violates any provision of this bylaw or the regulations adopted hereunder, or who fails to comply with any reasonable request of a duly authorized employee of the Town of Freetown to comply with such bylaw or regulations, may be punished by a fine of not more than Fifty (\$50.00) Dollars for each offense.
2. Any person who by his or her actions violates any provision of this By-Law or the regulations adopted hereunder, or who fails to comply with any reasonable request of a duly authorized employee of the Town of Freetown to comply with such By-Law or regulations may also be evicted forthwith from a Recreational Facility; or, for a period of time to be determined by the Board of Park Commissioners, denied admittance to, and/or suspended from use of, a Recreational Facility.
3. The provisions of this By-Law, and any regulations adopted hereunder may be enforced through any means available in law or in equity, including non-criminal disposition pursuant to G.L. c.40, s.21D, and Article III, Section 22 of the General By-Laws. The enforcing person for purposes of non-criminal disposition shall be the Board of Park Commissioners or its designee, the Town Administrator, or any police officer of the Town of Freetown. Each day a violation exists shall constitute a separate violation. For the purposes of non-criminal disposition, the following fines shall apply:

First Offense:	\$ 25.00;
Second Offense:	\$ 50.00;
Third and Subsequent Offenses:	\$ 75.00.

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5.05 Severability

If any provision of this By-law and rule or regulations promulgated in accordance with this by-law, or application thereof is held to be invalid, such invalidity shall not affect any provision of the rules and regulations not specifically held to be invalid.

And/or take any action thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote

ARTICLE 27: To see if the Town will vote to amend the General By-Laws, **Article III, Section 14 – Ambulance**, by deleting the second sentence in its entirety. And/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Clerk.
Not Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 28: To see if the Town will vote to amend **Article III** of the Town of Freetown General By-Laws, **Section 15 Fee Schedule – Landfill**, by replacing the word “landfill” in the heading and first sentence with the words “Transfer Station.” And/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Clerk.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 29: To see if the Town will vote to amend **Article III** of the Town of Freetown General By-Laws by adding the following section, and/or take any action relative thereto:

Section 16 Minutes of Meetings

All elected and appointed boards, committees, commissions, and trustees shall create and maintain minutes of all posted and emergency meetings in accordance with the provisions of G.L. c. 39, s 23B, the Open Meeting Law, and of G.L. c. 66, the Public Records Law. All governmental bodies, with the exception of the School Committee, shall submit to the Town Clerk within two weeks of approval copies of minutes of open meetings held in accordance with G.L. c.39, s. 23B. Copies of executive session minutes shall be forwarded to the Town Clerk forthwith after publication will no longer defeat the purposes of the executive session.

Submitted by the Town Clerk.
Recommended by the Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

ARTICLE 30: To see if the Town will vote to amend **Article III, Section 20** Tax Collector Denial, Suspension, or Revocation General By-Law by adding the words, “date of issuance of that certificate” at the end of paragraph (b), and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Clerk.

Requires Majority Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 31: To see if the Town will vote to amend **Article VII, Section 2**, “Dog Licensing, Control and Regulations,” by deleting in Section 3, “Fees,” the second sentence therein; and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Town Clerk.

Requires Majority Vote.

Not Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 32: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Freetown’s Zoning Map, by changing the zoning classification of the lots having frontage on Freeman’s Circle located within The Purchase subdivision further defined as Assessors’ Map 215 Lots 52, 53, 54 and Assessors Map 211 Lots 146.01, 146.02, 146.03, 146.04, 146.05, 146.06, 146.07, 146.08, 146.09, 146.10, 146.11, 146.12, 146.13, 146.14, 146.15, 146.16, 146.17, 146.18, 146.19, 146.20, 146.21 from General Use to Residential Use or take any other action relative thereto. The proposed zoning map is on file for public viewing at the office of the Town Clerk, Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 33: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Freetown’s Zoning Map, by changing the zoning classification of Assessors’ Map 215, Lots 50 & 51 along South Main Street from General Use to Business Use or take any other action relative thereto. The proposed zoning map is on file for public viewing at the office of the Town Clerk, Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA.

Submitted by the Planning Board and
Board of Selectmen.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 34: Pursuant to Section 10, Chapter 39 of the Massachusetts Zoning By-Laws, I am submitting to you a list of signatures and a request to change the type of District for Lots 50 & 51 on South Main Street, Assonet, MA (Map 215, Book 4537, Page 269) from general use to business use.

Submitted by Petition.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 35: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Freetown's Zoning Map by changing the classification of the lots having frontage on Nottingham Way further defined as Assessors Map #211 lots 91.08, 90, 92.01, 91, 91.07, 91.01, 91.06, 91.02, 91.05, 91.03, 91.04, from General Use to Residential Use or take any other action relative thereto. The proposed zoning map is on file for public viewing at the office of the Town Clerk, Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 36: To see if the Town will vote to amend the Town of Freetown's Zoning Map, by changing the zoning classification of the lots having frontage on Garden Path further defined as Assessors Map 226 Lots 8.10, 8.08, 8.07, 8.06, 8.05, 8.04, 8.03, 8.02, 8.01, from General Use to Residential Use or take any other action relative thereto. The proposed zoning map is on file for public viewing at the office of the Town Clerk, Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 37: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the roadways entitled Jillian Drive for a length of 1,393.05 l.f. and Shannon Lane for a length of 939.31 linear feet within the Chestnut Hill subdivision in their entirety with the utility and all other appurtenant easements; (See subdivision plans entitled "Chestnut Hill In Assonet, A Residential Subdivision At Freetown, MA" dated April 19, 1996 revised through June 19, 1996 drawn by Kenneth R. Ferreira Engineering, Inc. These plans are on file for public viewing at the Office of the Town Clerk, Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA for a more particular description.) And/or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 38: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the roadways entitled Cap'n Harris Drive for a length of 1,050 linear feet and Elizabeth Drive for a length of 700 linear feet located within the Shepards Cove subdivision in their entirety with the utility and all other appurtenant easements. (See subdivision plans entitled "Shepards Cove Estates" dated May 23, 1988 and prepared by East Coast Engineering. These plans are on file for public viewing at the Office of the Town Clerk, Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA.) And/or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 39: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the roadway entitled Ross Circle in its entirety with the utility and all other appurtenant easements for a length of 615 linear feet or take any other action relative thereto. (See subdivision plans entitled ‘Definitive Layout Plan of Section 9 of Green Acres for Assonet Land Development, Sammy’s Lane, Assonet, MA’ dated June 30, 2001 prepared by GFA Engineering. These plans are available for public viewing at the Office of the Town Clerk, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA.) And/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 40: To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the roadway entitled Nottingham Way in its entirety with the utility and all other appurtenant easements for a length of 1,393.07 linear feet. (See subdivision plans entitled “Definitive Plan of Nottingham Way” dated July 8, 1998 prepared by SITEC, Inc. These plans are on file at the Office of the Town Clerk, Freetown Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA for a more particular description.) And/or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 41: To see if the Town of Freetown will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept the roadways in the Chace Farms Subdivision known as Gunner’s Way for a length of 415.29 linear feet, Baker Lane (Ext.) for a length of 361.59 linear feet, Edna Circle for a length of 1,230.67 linear feet, and Azel Road for a length of 1,291.71 linear feet, in their entirety with the utility and all other appurtenant easements; (See subdivision plans entitled “Chace Farms Definitive Subdivision plan in the Towns of Lakeville and Freetown, MA” dated March 2, 1999 revised through August 13, 1999 prepared by Mount Hope Engineering, Inc. These plans are available for public viewing at the Office of the Town Clerk, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA.) And/or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 42: To see if the Town of Freetown will vote to authorize the Board of Selectmen to accept River’s Edge Way in its entirety with the utility and all other appurtenant easements for a length of 810 linear feet. (See subdivision plans entitled “River’s Edge Estates” dated March 8, 1996 prepared by McKenzie Engineering Group, Inc. These plans are available for public viewing at the Office of the Town Clerk, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, MA.) And/or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 43: To see if the Town of Freetown will vote to amend the Town of Freetown Protective By-Laws, Article XI, Section 1 Purpose by deleting the following words: “a map of the Town of Freetown entitled Protective By-Law Map of the Town of Freetown, dated January 1, 1978” and replacing with the words, “the current Town of Freetown Zoning Map,” and/or take any other action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 44: To see if the Town of Freetown will vote to amend the Town of Freetown Protective By-Laws, Article XI, Section 2 Definitions by deleting the definition for Setback, Front; and replacing with the following definition: “A front setback shall be measured from the front lot line to the closest point of the structure. Excluding: Decorative trim, gutters, fascia, soffit, bulkheads, and unenclosed stairways.”

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 45: To see if the Town of Freetown will vote to amend the Town of Freetown Protective By-Laws, Article XI, Section 2 Definitions by deleting the definition for Setback, Side; and replacing with the following definition: “A side setback shall be measured from the nearest side lot line to the closest point of the structure. Excluding: Decorative trim, gutters, fascia, soffit, bulkheads, and unenclosed stairways.”

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 46: To see if the Town of Freetown will vote to amend the Town of Freetown Protective By-Laws, Article XI, Section 2 Definitions by deleting the definition for Setback, Rear; and replacing with the following definition: “A rear setback shall be measured from the rear lot line to the closest point of the structure. Excluding: Decorative trim, gutters, fascia, soffit, bulkheads, and unenclosed stairways.”

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 47: To see if the Town of Freetown will vote to amend the Town of Freetown Protective By-Laws, Article XI, Section 3A Lot Size – Area: to read “Land laid out into lots for any purpose after the adoption of this By-Law shall have a minimum frontage on a street or way of 175 feet and a minimum area of 70,000 square feet, a minimum of 52,000 square feet of which must be of non-wetland area (as defined by M.G.L. Chapter 131, Section 40); 30,000 square feet of this non-wetland area must be contiguous.”

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 48: To see if the Town of Freetown will vote to amend the Town of Freetown Protective By-Laws, Article XI, by adding Section 3E Lot Coverage: Maximum percentage of land covered by structures, parking and paved areas. Residential District: 25%, General Use District: 50%, Industrial and Industrial/2 Districts: 80%, excluding accessory structures not on permanent foundations and above ground swimming pools.

Submitted by the Planning Board.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

ARTICLE 49: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money from the Overlay Reserve Fund and/or other available funds to be deposited in the current Reserve Fund to supplement monies appropriated for the Fiscal Year 2005, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
and Finance Committee.

Requires Majority Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

ARTICLE 50: To see if the Town will vote to raise, appropriate, and/or transfer from available funds a sum of money to be deposited into the Stabilization Fund, and/or take any action relative thereto.

Submitted by the Board of Selectmen
and Finance Committee.

Requires 2/3 Vote.

Recommended by the Finance Committee.

And you are hereby directed to serve this Warrant by posting attested copies thereof at the following places: Assonet Post Office, East Freetown Post Office, the stores of Cortes Country Stores, Inc. and Quick Pic in East Freetown, Junior's Convenience Store and Assonet's Village Pizza, Inc. in Assonet, and the Freetown Communications Center.

Hereof, fail not and make return of the original Warrant with your doings thereon immediately after making service thereof to the Town Clerk of the Town of Freetown, Massachusetts.

Given under our hands and seal of the Town of Freetown, this Fifteenth day of April, Anno Domini, Two Thousand Four.

Lawrence N. Ashley
Chairman

John S. Ashley

John Laronda, Jr. .

FREETOWN BOARD OF SELECTMEN

